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Tax hope was entertained that the order which was issued by the late Dowager Empress to the effect that in future there could be marriages between the Manchus families and Chinese would put an end to, or at least largely lessen, the caste distinction between the Manchus and the Chinese, which has done so much harm, and has undoubtedly stood more in the way of progress than almost anything else. This hope, however, like many that are formed with regard to China, seems destined to disappointment. According to those most conversant with what is going on at the Capital, there is as much Court intrigue there as ever, and it is to be feared that this unfortunate kind of influence may do much to hinder the reforms which have been promised. Already the date at which a Constitution was promised to be granted, has been made indefinite, and there are other signs which go to show that, even at this day, the old plan of making specious promises, and then proceeding to shuffle off of them by no means been abandoned. We were no doubt assured that the retirement of YUAN-SHI-KAI did not indicate any alteration in the policy which the Peking authorities intended to follow. This statement may be true, but in a different sense to that in which it is intended to be accepted. The policy that is being followed is most likely one which is bound to involve the retirement of YUAN-SHI-KAI or of anyone else who might entertain the same liberal views that he has expressed. The intention of the Peking Government may be to

introduce reform; but it is to be feared they wish to do this so slowly, that practically the action taken will leave things very little changed, and that in essentials, reform will be avoided altogether. In short, there is too much reason to fear the old shuffling conduct, which has wrought so much harm in China on other occasions—a kind of Mowat policy, with promises of doing great things, but an inner hope that "something will turn up" to prevent its being necessary to carry the promises out, is being reverted to. In many instances, fortune has served the Government very well and the "something" actually has turned up and been very skillfully availed of; but it will hardly do to rely upon the chance of events in so important a matter as the movement for reform which has so long been occupying the mind of the Chinese people, and which has been unquestionably encouraged by promises at head quarters.

How the change at Peking which has become noticeable has been brought about, it is of course impossible to say, as even those who know something of the inner workings at the capital can hardly speak with certainty on such a point. In part, no doubt, it is attributable to not unnatural jealousy of YUAN-SHI-KAI's rising influence. There is no country in the world where there is more jealousy at head quarters to become a marked political factor, than China. The history of any Chinese statesman, who has loomed large in the affairs of the country, shows this. Such a man is considered to require to have his wings clipped, and the usual plan resorted to is to raise him to a prominent position, and before long, on some pretext, suddenly abandon him. This kind of promotion downwards it is fair to remember, is not necessarily final. He may be taken up again; but generally his power is curtailed, and the end desired, that of weakening what is feared may become a dangerous rival, is attained. There may not have been more than this in what has occurred—but, even so, it is significant, and combined with other incidents, it is not encouraging to those who had hoped that the Peking authorities were really in earnest in their professions of a willingness to inaugurate necessary reform. The central Government have committed themselves so far in the direction of reform that it will certainly cause great disappointment throughout China if they do not in some way set up to the promises held out. They stand pledged to something, after the assurances that have been given, and nothing could be more ill-advised than to go back completely on their promises once they have been made, at a time when the feeling that reform is necessary is so general, as it has of late become in China. It can hardly be believed that the most reactionary of Chinese officials will counsel such a step. But there is still room to fear that the same result might be attained by first delay and ultimately by minimising what is done; and it would seem that the idea at Peking is to meet the difficulty by temporising somewhat of this nature. No one of course can blame the Chinese for being careful how they attempt to introduce searching reforms; but it will be a grave mistake on their part to simmer down the promises held forth almost to the vanishing point. If such a policy is to be adopted, it would have been far wiser to have held out no prospects whatever. In that case, there might have been discontent, but at least those who were discontented, could not point to a specific grievance, which they will be able to do if the promise of reform, having been once made, little or nothing is done to carry it out. The course which it would seem should commend itself to those in authority at Peking would be to introduce at least some definite reforms tending in the direction to which they are pledged, if they cannot see the way to grant all that has been promised. Chinese statesmanship would be quite equal to this task, if only the authorities should be well enough advised to recognise that it is the course which both prudence and good faith dictate as that which should be pursued after the solemn assurances which have been given by them.

Mr. Valentine Chirol, the Foreign Editor of the Times, is a passenger by the P. and O. Oceana which arrived yesterday. Mr. Chirol is booked to Yokohama.

It is officially notified in the London Gazette that the King has appointed Mr. W. P. Ker to be Commercial Attaché to His Majesty's Legation at Peking.

The steamer Laertes, which arrived from Saigon yesterday, brought 103 deportees from the French Possession. They will be forwarded on to China as soon as arrangements can be made.

Mr. Paul Knight, Editor of the Calcutta Statesman and Friend of India, and his two brothers, Mr. W. H. Knight, and Mr. Robert Knight, arrived by the steamer Laertes. They are travelling to England via Japan and Canada.

Mr. F. P. J. Wodehouse returned to the Colony yesterday by the English Mail.

Yesterday the Russian cruiser "Genshing" arrived here from Shanghai and sailed the port.

The number of Chinese in the Transvaal on Feb. 28 was 10,034. Of these 13 died during March and 24 were struck off the strength, leaving 9,997 in the country on March 31. The Helipolis, which left Durban on the 14th ult., for China has 2,300 coolies on board.

Lieutenant G. P. Leith has been posted to the command of the river steamer Mowat, China Squadron, from command of the destroyer Ribble, attached to the Home Fleet. Lieutenant Leith, entered the naval service in January 1892, was promoted sub-lieutenant in 1897, and Lieutenant in December, 1900.

Brevet-Colonel H. G. Fitton, D.S.O., Queen's Own Royal West Kent Regiment, who was promoted to the command of the 2nd Battalion when it was stationed at Hongkong, will retire from the command of the battalion at Bangalore in August next under the four years' rule. It is stated that he will get a staff appointment in India in due course.

Sir Ernest E. Blake, K.C.M.G., Senior Crown Agent for the Colonies, is about to retire from the public service after an official career extending over 45 years. The appointment of his successor rests with the Secretary of State for the Colonies, but it is generally expected that Major M. A. Cameron, C.M.G., will take charge of the Department under the scheme of reorganisation recently propounded.

Mr. W. Roderick Dorsey, American Vice Consul-General at Shanghai, entertained Consul-General Charles Denby and the members of the Consular staff toiffin last week, the gathering being made the occasion of a presentation to Mr. Denby in anticipation of his approaching departure from Shanghai. Mr. J. M. Darrah, the American Postal Agent, made the presentation, which consisted of a handsome silver bowl.

The Shanghai Police, in accordance with a municipal notification have blocked the Alhambra by erecting stout bamboo barriers across the Slocowai road, and only people furnished with police permits are allowed to pass the barrier. Recently the police made a raid on the Alhambra and removed the roulette wheels, and an interesting police court case has resulted in which an Indian watchman has been charged with threatening to shoot Colonel Bruce, the Superintendent of Police.

A correspondent of the N. C. Daily News identifies one of the two Germans murdered in Yunnan as Dr. Brunnhagen whom he knew some years ago in Shanghai. He was formerly on the staff of the Koelnische Zeitung and when he went home two years ago he said that he should be out again to travel in and learn more of the Far East. Since then he has travelled in India, China, Korea and Japan and again returned home. In a letter from him dated Bhamo, November 8, 1908, he told how he intended to go through to the Yangtze and so down to Shanghai. His murderers at Weiki are understood to be the native tribes of the district and not Chinese.

Chinese Public Opinion, a small newspaper which has been published in the Chinese Capital for about twelve months has ceased to exist and in its place we have the Peking Daily News. The former paper had occasional assistance from English journalists in Peking, but the new journal will be entirely under Chinese management. "Its measures will be Chinese, its methods will be Chinese; its principal will be Chinese; its sympathies and convictions, its head and heart will be all Chinese." Mr. Li Shun Ling (formerly of Hongkong) whose name was prominently associated with the New York Herald's advocacy of an alliance between the United States and China seems to be the Editor of the new paper.

AN OLD CRIME.

After three years a richa coolie who is supposed to be one of a gang who assaulted and robbed Captain J. T. Laing of the river steamer Tai Sang has been arrested. He appeared before Mr. F. A. Hazeland at the Magistracy yesterday on the charge of, with four others not in custody, robbing the complainant of a bank book, and of a leather pocket book containing \$20 in bank notes, and of using personal violence. The story previously told by Captain Laing was that while waiting at one of the West Point wharves between two and three o'clock in the morning he was attacked by several richa coolies, knocked down, and relieved of his valuables. The coolies got away with the booty, but one of the men left the cushion of his richa behind, and this bore the same number as the richa. The Captain took the article to the Police Station, but next morning the puller of the cushionless richa was missing. He had left the Colony, and it is only within the last few days that he has been returned. He was arrested when applying for a new richa licence at West Point. His Worship adjourned the hearing until the arrival of the complainant.

THE CIRCUS.

Last night witnessed another success at the Hippodrome and Circus at Causeway Bay, H.E. the Governor and party were present and the attendance enjoyed the varied and thrilling programme arranged for their delectation.

TELEGRAMS.

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PRINCE ITO.

Tokyo, May 12th.

There are insistent rumours of the impending resignation of Prince Ito as President-General of Korea.

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MINISTERIAL CRISIS IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, May 11th.

A serious political Ministerial crisis has arisen at St. Petersburg, owing to the Tsar having vetoed a Bill passed by both the Duma and the Council creating a Naval General Staff.

The Ministry has resigned but the Tsar refuses to accept the resignations. It is reported that Count Witte engineered the entire crisis.

JAPANESE ROYALTIES IN AUSTRIA.

LONDON, May 11th.

The Emperor of Austria-Hungary has given a banquet in honour of their Imperial Highnesses Prince and Princess Nashimoto of Japan.

PRINCESS KUNI.

LONDON, May 11th.

Princess Kuni, (who travelled to Europe on the N. Y. K. "Mishima Maru") has arrived in Paris.

A LOCAL RISING IN NORTH NIGERIA.

LONDON, May 11th.

The Resident in North Nigeria, Mr. van Renen, three Europeans and 35 native police, who were proceeding to instal a Chief, were ambushed on March 6th when within fifty miles of Zungern.

Mr. van Renen, the Chief, and eleven of the police were killed.

A punitive force was dispatched on the 9th inst.

The rising is purely local.

GREAT POSTAL STRIKE IN FRANCE.

LONDON, May 12th.

A meeting attended by ten thousand postal employees was held in Paris last evening at which a resolution to strike was passed.

The travelling sorters on the night mail trains have ceased work.

The dock hands at St. Nazaire refused to ship the mails for Panama and they were returned to Paris.

M. Barthou, Minister of Public Works, declared in the Chamber that the Government would not yield to the demands of the agitators.

LONDON RUBBER REPORTS.

BIG DIVIDENDS.

A telegram to the Straits Times says:—The Selangor Rubber Company pays a dividend of 75 per cent. It carries £2,000 to reserve fund, £1,000 to depreciation, and £2,000 forward.

Linggo pays a final dividend of 40 per cent. making 60 for the year, while £4,000 is carried to reserve and about £1,000 forward.

Rubber shares generally are active, North Hammonds being a special feature.

SUPREME COURT.

Wednesday, May 12th.

IN ORIGINAL JURISDICTION.

BEFORE THE CHIEF JUSTICE (SIR F. PIGGOTT).

THE GOVERNOR AS PLAINTIFF.

The hearing of the action in which H. E. the Governor was plaintiff and Chu Ping defendant was resumed.

Mr. Fletcher, Clerk of Councils, was called as a witness.

Hon. Mr. Pollock (for the Government) to witness—Don't answer the question I am about to ask. It will be objected to. Do you find in this C.S.O. of 1899 a minute by the then Governor Sir William Des Voeux dated 27th November—

Mr. Slade—You had better stop there.

Mr. Pollock—I must complete the question.

Mr. Slade—You have asked enough to identify the minute.

Hon. Mr. Pollock—No.

Hon. Mr. Pollock—Even if you stop there it can't be evidence.

Mr. Pollock—It must appear what the general object is.

Mr. Slade—I object.

Mr. Pollock—I want to go on with my question.

Hon. Mr. Pollock—I don't think it is admissible.

Mr. Pollock—If your Lordship will allow me to put the question you will see—

Mr. Slade—My friend is starting to put a leading question as to the contents of that document.

Mr. Pollock—I must ask the question.

Hon. Mr. Pollock—I cannot see how a minute taken in the abstract, from one officer to another in an official capacity, can possibly be evidence.

Mr. Pollock—I am trying to argue this matter without introducing too much, but I am driven to it.

Hon. Mr. Pollock—If the question is put I must take it down.

Mr. Slade—I object to the question as put so far.

Mr. Pollock—An objection cannot be taken in the middle of a question. Any question submitted by counsel must be taken down by the Court. This minute asks for the opinion of the Attorney General. This is important in view of the suggestion that the Governor treated Yui Chow as a pestilent fellow with no rights. If I can show that the opinion of the Attorney General was obtained by the Governor and acted upon it will indicate what was the intention of the Governor.

Hon. Mr. Pollock—Now you come to the point whether the opinion of the Attorney General is admissible or not.

Mr. Pollock—Will your Lordship allow me to finish my question?

Mr. Slade—I object to that question being finished. It is enough to show that it is not competent for counsel in the form of a leading question to state the contents of the document.

Mr. Pollock (continuing the question)—Asking the opinion of the Attorney General with reference to Chu Chuen being permitted to sign the reclamation agreement.

Hon. Mr. Pollock—I am prepared to overrule this question unless I hear good ground to the contrary.

Mr. Pollock—It won't be intelligible unless the whole question is put.

Mr. Slade—I ask your Lordship to uphold my objection.

Mr. Pollock—There cannot be any objection unless your Lordship takes down the question.

Mr. Slade—When the early portion of the sentence shows it is going to be an ex-parte statement of the contents of a document which is inadmissible, I must certainly object to such a statement being read.

Mr. Pollock—I ask your Lordship to take the whole question.

Mr. Slade—I object.

Mr. Pollock—There is no such thing as objecting to a question unless it is taken down.

We are not before a jury.

Hon. Mr. Pollock—I quite admit that. I will put it down and make a note of the objection.

Mr. Slade—Before my friend is allowed to make an ex-parte statement hear my objection and decide it. I object because it is ex-parte from the portion of the question already put that the rest of the question is going to be a statement of the alleged contents of an inadmissible document.

Mr. Pollock—I ask that my objection be noted that a question cannot stop in the middle.

Hon. Mr. Pollock—I cannot see how this can be evidence.

Mr. Pollock—If the words of the Attorney General are left out there is nothing to argue. My learned friend has taken his objection too soon.

Hon. Mr. Pollock—I think it is an arguable point.

Mr. Slade—My submission is that it is hearsay evidence, and hearsay evidence is not admissible.

It is exactly on the same footing as if it were a letter written by the Governor. The only material occasions on which hearsay evidence is admitted are in the cases of out of the way deceased persons, and even if that minute fell within these conditions, preliminary proof of the death of Sir William Des Voeux—who is still alive—would have to be given. If a man is living and available as a witness a letter of his cannot be put in unless it is proved in the ordinary way.

Hon. Mr. Pollock—It seems to me unnecessary on the part of Mr. Pollock.

Mr. Pollock—It is important to show what the motives of the Governor were.

Hon. Mr. Pollock—Yes.

The question was then put, and the answer was taken down that the opinion purported to be the opinion of the Acting Attorney General in 1899.

Mr. Slade, in opening the case for the defendant, stated that it had been decided that the persons who were entitled to come into the reclamation rights under the Ordinance were frontagers, and any frontager mentioned in the schedule in order to obtain a moral right, had to contribute to the work which was done in front of his lot and so obtain 999 years lease of the land not needed for roads. Yui Chow refused to enter into any agreement, although Mr. Bruce Shepherd tried several times to get him to sign the agreement. After reading the judgment of the Privy Council, counsel said that his Lordship would have before him exactly the same evidence as in the case dealt with by the Privy Council, and though his Lordship could come to his own conclusion on the facts, he was in a measure bound by the law in the judgment read.

Hon. Mr. Pollock—Answer this question? How can I try this case?

Mr. Slade—I don't know, my lord, His Excellency the Governor asks you.

Hon. Mr. Pollock—The question has been decided between Yui Chow and the Government in bringing precisely the same case.

Mr. Pollock—No, my lord, we are claiming on an undertaking which the Privy Council said Yui Chow could not sue on.

The hearing was again adjourned.

CASES AT THE MAGISTRACY.

The assistant compradore of the river steamer Krong Tung proceeded against thirteen natives at the Magistracy yesterday for stealing away from Canton. They were found guilty and Mr. Hazeland imposed a fine of \$25 on each man, the alternative being one month's imprisonment.

For stealing ninety-eight of steel rivets from the Dock Co., Mr. F. A. Hazeland sentenced a Chinese to two months' imprisonment and six hours' stocks.

A story of barbaric cruelty was told to Mr. Hazeland. Because a little girl of seven years wept and trembled with fear when told to go to a doctor, the man who was taking her took her home again. There the cruel mother belaboured her with a bamboo pole over head and body until she was one mass of bruises and weals. His Worship bound the defendant over in the sum of \$100 to keep the peace for six months.

Before Mr. J. H. Kemp two natives were charged with stealing a case of umbrellas from a godown at Kowloon. The first defendant, who was tallying for Messrs. Gilman and Co., after taking delivery of some 50 or 60 cases told the godown tallyman that he was one short, but that he would not require it just then. Then the goods were shipped on the second defendant's lighter, and brought to Hongkong. All were handed with the exception of a case of umbrellas, which was opened aboard. The godown was given six of these and the first defendant took the remainder ashore and sold them, handing the godown \$30 as his share of the plunder. His Worship on hearing the evidence found the defendants guilty, and sentenced the first to six months' imprisonment and four hours' stocks, and the second to two months' imprisonment.

CANTON MUNICIPAL COUNCIL.

A meeting of the Municipal Council was held on May 11th when there were present: Messrs. T. E. Griffith (Chairman), P. R. F. Carter, W. G. Saunders, M. Stager and the Secretary (H. W. Hine).

Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed.

THE CHAIRMAN mentioned that Mr. C. B. Thomas had been instructed to submit estimates for repairs to this property.

SANITARY INSPECTION.

THE CHAIRMAN stated that, in accordance with the notice dated 28th ult., the coolies quarters of all compounds on the Concession had been visited by the Council's Inspectors and occupiers had been notified wherever conditions had not been found satisfactory.

A copy of a letter dated 7th inst. and signed by the Consul-General and Consuls of Portugal, the United States of America, Germany and Japan and addressed to H.B.M.'s Acting Consul General was read, in which, while expressing their willingness to assist the Municipal Council in carrying out sanitary measures, as notified, under Bye-Law 24 of the Land Regulations, they request that, in view of the absolute inviolability of Consular premises, their permission should be obtained before such premises be entered by the Municipal Authorities for sanitary inspection. In a covering letter dated 8th inst. H.B.M.'s Acting Consul General requested the Council, pending a ruling from H.M.'s Minister in Peking, to accede to this request, as a matter of courtesy and in consideration of the official positions which these Consuls hold in Shanghai.

After discussion, in course of which the Chairman explained that, in his opinion, the Council were bound to adhere strictly to the provisions of the Land Regulations and that, were the foreign Consuls' request acceded to, Municipal control, not only over property of foreign Consuls de carrière but of all Merchant Consuls and other alien residents of the Concession of Shanghai would be jeopardized, it was unanimously decided to reply to H.M.'s Acting Consul General, asking him to inform the Consuls concerned, that the Council was unable to accede to the request made and that, pending other instructions from H.B.M.'s Minister in Peking, the Council could not depart from the letter of the Land Regulations.

MEDICAL OFFICER.

Dr. Davenport's application for home leave was granted and Dr. Craig was appointed to fill the post during such absence.

SHIPPING NOTES.

The second of the three sister ships under construction for the Osaka Shosen Kaisha, has just been launched from the Kawasaki Dockyard at Kobe, and named the *Saika Maru*. The first, which was launched about a month ago, was named the *Tacoma Maru* and the name of the one which is expected to be launched three months hence will be the *Osaka Maru*. They are ships of 6,000 tons gross with a displacement of 11,500 tons. All three will be placed on the Tacoma run. Three more steamers have been ordered from the Mitsui Bishi Yard at Nagasaki.

Both the yards mentioned in the preceding paragraph have just been favoured with Admiralty orders; a 5,000 ton cruiser is to be built in each yard. The vessels are reported by the *Osaka Mail* to be cruisers designed to attain a very high speed, with a view to their being utilized as despatch vessels in time of war. This, adds our contemporary, will be a world's record, as no vessels of this size have hitherto been designed for such service.

The *Tacoma Maru* developed on her recent trial trip a speed of more than 14 knots, carrying about 4,000 tons ballast. The *Osaka Maru* states that next year there will be twelve Japanese steamers on the run between Puget Sound and Hongkong. In the event of an arrangement being made between the N.Y.K. and O.S.K. to dispatch a steamer once a week from each side between Hongkong and the United States, it will be possible for foreign steamers to dispense with the service of foreign steamers. Such a union between the two companies, says the *Osaka paper*, is calculated to go a long way towards furthering the trade between Japan and the United States.

A special meeting of the shareholders of the Osaka Shosen Kaisha took place this week to consider the question of security for the debentures, whose issue was approved by the general meeting held in January, 1900, as well as the question of the revision of the articles of association with a view to abolishing or changing the branches of the company. It will be recommended that they be reduced from 40 to 30. The following branch offices are to be opened: Koshi, Takahama and Taketa, while the following ones are to be closed: Ujima, Sakai, Atsuta, Tokushima, Mitsuhamu, Uwajima, Shanghai and Hankow.

The second attempt to sell the wreck of the steamer *Diambi*, which was sunk at Singapore, in collision with a French mail steamer was not much more successful than the last. At the first auction the highest bid was \$300. Later an offer of \$750 was made if it could be arranged that three months should be given for the removal of the vessel. Permission for this period was granted by the Master Attendant and the ship was accordingly put up again. There was again no eagerness shown to bid, but eventually an offer of \$750 was received and no one bettering this the wreck and gear were knocked down at that figure to Messrs. Low, Hoan Tiang and See Cheng Ann, the latter of Tanjong Pagar. This ship cost \$75,000 when new. She now lies at a spot at the East end of Tanjong Pagar to which she was removed some weeks ago, and she was offered for sale complete, with whatever cargo there might be in her and with whatever deck fittings have been stored for safe keeping.

Sir Pelham Warren, H.B.M. Consul-General at Shanghai, attended at the rooms of the Mercantile Marine Officers' Association last week for the purpose of handing to Mr. Peter Shearer, second officer of the str. *Hongkoku*, the Royal Humane Society's bronze medal and certificate, for saving the life of a Chinese quartermaster, who had fallen overboard at Wuhu. Before the boat that was launched could pick them up Mr. Shearer and his charge had drifted a mile away from the Hongkoku. Mr. Shearer in returning his thanks, said that he thought the act had been magnified. It was only what any other British sailor would have done in the circumstances.

There was some trouble with the crew of the *Osaka Maru* on her last trip from San Francisco. A stoker deserted while the ship was moored at San Francisco. He was, however, chased and overtaken by a policeman, and a desperate fight ensued, in which the former inflicted injuries on the policeman with a knife. Thereupon the policeman drew a revolver and shot the man dead. The communication further states that six members of the crew of the liner deserted the ship in Honolulu and San Francisco.

The *Minnesota* has been fitted with a wireless telegraph apparatus, and according to the American papers it will be "the most powerful set of wireless telegraph instruments ever placed on any steamer in the world."

The *Shipping Gazette* publishes a telegram which it has received from the Hamburg-American Line offices at Hamburg stating that reports as to a contemplated amalgamation with the Norddeutscher Lloyd Company are absolutely unfounded.

The statement is published that the Russian Government intends to extend its mail service to Hongkong and eventually to develop Russian commerce up the West River. Hitherto says the report, the Russian Imperial Mail steamers to the Far East did not call at Hongkong. Now, owing to many enquiries from Odessa merchants, it is the intention of the Russian Government to include Hongkong among the ports of call in the Far East.

INTERESTING FORTUNE TELLING CASE.

DEFENDANT UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION.

Before Mr. F.A. Haselund at the Magistracy yesterday afternoon, the hearing was continued of the case in which a fortune teller was charged with obtaining by a false pretence jewellery to the value of \$3,045.

Mr. Leo d'Almeida e Castro (of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow and Morrell) prosecuted, and Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (of Messrs. Deacon, Looker and Deacon) represented the defendant.

Defendant recalled, was cross-examined by Mr. Almeida. He said that besides being a letter writer he was also a fortune teller. He came to Hongkong because of the State mourning in China. He was not allowed to wear a red button or silk there, consequently he found it very inconvenient and came to this British possession until the period of State mourning had expired. When he first started here he made from \$3 to \$8 a day. He did not persuade a good customer to call again so that he could make more money. When the complainant first visited him she asked him to explain certain divining papers. Defendant did not mention what his fee was. He did not notice that complainant wore a lot of jewellery, because he concentrated all his attention on the divining papers.

In the first interview with her did you notice that she had any particular liking for you?—No.

And in the second interview can you suggest any reason why she said you looked like uncle No. 3?—She said so, but I did not recognise her.

Didn't she ask you to tell her fortune?—Yes, only with regard to the mole on her face. She asked whether it was good or bad.

Did you not tell her that she would lose all she possessed in the world?—I did not.

Wasn't it at your suggestion that she took the jewellery to you?—No.

Can you suggest any reason why she should have taken the jewellery to you of her own free will?—Her husband had already expended \$10,000 on girls, and she was afraid he would go bankrupt, and that she would get nothing to eat.

And you considered she had an extraordinary affection for you?—No. Why should she like me?

Why should she ask you to take charge of her jewellery?—Because she was alone in the world.

When she brought the jewellery together with other things, you thought she was going to give it to you, didn't you?—I dare not accept it, because I could not keep unaccountable things in my house. When I found she had left jewellery with me I sent it back at once.

If you did not think it was a present why did you open the parcel?—I was told it contained eatables. There seemed to be opium inside.

Why did you tell the police the jewellery was a present?—Because when it was given me, I was told it was a present. On the same night I was arrested as a thief.

You said the complainant asked you to take her to Macao and live there?—Yes.

Why?—For three reasons. Firstly, she wished me to find her parents; secondly, if I was really her uncle No. 3 she would accompany me back to the country to buy property; and thirdly, since the *kit fat* knew she had given birth to a son she (the complainant) had not spent a comfortable day.

You know perfectly well you were not her third uncle?—I have got such a niece.

When she first suggested that you were uncle No. 3 why didn't you act in an honest way and say you were not?—I persuaded her. I said it was hard to say whether I was or not.

Were you going to Macao to live as man and wife?—No, as uncle and niece.

You agreed to?—No, I did not wish to go.

During your absence in Macao you said your wife took the jewellery and ran away?—I said the complainant gave the jewellery to my wife to run away with.

Why did you say that?—Because the small told me in the hotel at Macao.

I put it to you that you asked the complainant to bring this jewellery, and told her you would charm the case so that she would not be robbed of it?—I did not say that.

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Did you ever see your husband practising fortune telling?—No.

Or worshipping?—No. It's nothing to do with me.

Did you ever see the defendant's first wife and the complainant talking?—Yes.

Do you know where your husband's first wife now is?—No.

Have you had trouble with your husband with reference to the complainant and the small?—Yes, I scolded him.

Why?—Because they came too often, and I didn't like it.

Cross-examined by Mr. Almeida:

Did your husband ever tell fortunes before?—No.

Have you ever been a fortune teller?—No. And you know nothing about this case?—I know what I have said.

At this stage the case was adjourned until Wednesday at 11.30 a.m.

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LOCAL SPORT.

TENNIS MATCH AND DISTRIBUTION OF PRIZES.

The annual match between the Hongkong Club and the Ladies Recreation Club, twice postponed on account of the weather, was played yesterday afternoon on the courts of the Hongkong Cricket Club. The match attracted a large attendance, and the result was a win for the L.R.C. by 64 games to 44. The players were: Hongkong—Messrs. Anderson, T. A. Whyte, R.A., T. E. Pearce, P. H. Klimanek, G. E. Satterthwaite, and Capt. Brierley. L.R.C.—Messrs. H. Hancock, C. A. Carr, H. B. Phillips, Mr. B. Harris, H. S. Thompson, and Capt. Murray.

THE SCORES ARE:		HONGKONG CLUB.	
Carr and Hancock	10	Brierley and Satterthwaite	2
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At the close the prizes won during the tournament were presented by Miss Rowe. Before that lady was called upon to perform her task Mr. F. Mainland congratulated the Ladies Recreation Club on their splendid win that afternoon and went on to remark that the tournament just finished had been successful in every way—in respect of the record entries, very fine games, and large attendances, especially of ladies whom they were always glad to see. Thanks were due to the sub-committee for their work and also to their courteous secretary, Mr. Lowe, for the manner in which the tournament had been run. He wished to congratulate Mr. Carr, who, starting from the back line, had won the singles handicap "A" class and who had again won the championship. They were disappointed that the match between Mr. Carr and Captain Beasley was not played but in the circumstances the committee could not do other than award the championship to Mr. Carr. They regretted that as they were sure that their meeting would have resulted in a very fine struggle. The military members were also to be congratulated inasmuch as they had carried away nearly half of the prizes which was a very high percentage considering the number of entries. He also congratulated Mr. Hickling who had also won the "B" class single championship, and won the "B" class single championship, and who with Mr. Hagen had won the doubles handicap.

Miss Rowe, then presented the prizes won in the tennis tournament and in the request to present and at the close was presented with a floral souvenir of the occasion.

Mr. D. Bradwood, in the absence of the President of the Hongkong Cricket League, then presented the shield to Mr. Mainland on behalf of Hongkong "A" team. He commented on the fact that greater interest was being shown in cricket in the League this year, were more clubs in the League this year, and thirdly, since the *kit fat* knew she had given birth to a son she (the complainant) had not spent a comfortable day.

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THE CHINA ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING OF THE SHANGHAI BRANCH.

The annual general meeting of the Shanghai Branch of the China Association was held on the 7th inst. Mr. F. Anderson presided, and from his address on the occasion we take the following extracts:—

PROVINCIAL CONTROL.

Perhaps the most striking development for the time being is the tendency to greater assertion of provincial "rights" by the Provinces, at the expense of Central Control. The country has heard a great deal about Constitutional Government—it is evident that if the principle of representation is admitted, the local government will have a more direct share in the government of the country in the future than in the past; apparently they are not prepared to wait until the new system has been inaugurated, but feeling that they are even more than formerly, a power in the land, they are disposed to exert authority more and more in the direction of controlling Provincial affairs, and are inclined to regard many Public Works as local affairs, in which they are entitled to take a hand, even although the Central Government may be providing the funds out of foreign loans. The Provincial Administrations seem inclined to encourage this movement, in the absence of a united Government under a strong leader at Peking, and perhaps to this cause, as much as to any other, may be attributed the unsatisfactory control of railway funds; the mismanagement of the currency and the impediments thrown in the way of developing the mining resources of the country. There may be much to say in favour of this movement, but of purely local affairs, there is certainly a great deal to say against too great or too sudden change in an old established and complicated system of Government like that built up in China; many of us would only be too glad to say "why not leave well alone?" if we could only feel that there were no dangers ahead, but although it is disheartening to find it so difficult to get anything done, we believe that we are doing good work in quietly and temperately making representation to those in authority when we feel that British interests are likely to be affected by the course of events, and in saying British interests it would be difficult to point to an instance in which British interests conflict with the best interest of China, herself.

HANKOW-GANTOU RAILWAY.

Take for instance the most recent bone of contention—the friction arising out of the Hankow-Gantou Railway loan negotiations. Can any one who has the best interests of China at heart say, that in discouraging her from borrowing more foreign money, except under conditions which stipulate that the funds will be applied to the purpose for which they are borrowed, we are not acting in the part of real friends? We have seen cases in which part of the money borrowed for productive works has been diverted into non-productive channels, and with this experience in our minds, we have tried to urge upon the Chinese Authorities that it is unwise, if not dangerous, to add indefinitely to their foreign obligations on these lines. Knowing that at current rates of exchange it costs China about £15,000,000 a year to meet her foreign obligations, that under her present fiscal system her revenue is not elastic, that her currency has become disorganised and is in urgent need of measures to be taken to restore it to a sound basis, it is no act of true friendship to throw money on a large scale, under conditions which encourage her to add to her liabilities without producing corresponding assets. We believe that China has ample resources to meet all her present indebtedness, but unless salutary reforms are seriously taken in hand a class of "corrupt" in which this country may find itself confronted with financial troubles, perhaps at some great national crisis, when the Chinese Government is struggling with China's "sovereign rights" it is not wise to be quite misleading. No British financier has the slightest desire to interfere with China's sovereign rights; in the absence of constitutional Government, her as understood in Western countries, her under which the Chinese Government is under the influence of a few individuals, who are not to be trusted to adhere to the two policies, one to lend China as much money as she likes to borrow, and care nothing about what becomes of it, the other to lend for definite specific purposes, under agreements that the funds will be spent only for these purposes. We fear that with the divided control, which prevails in China the first policy may lead to financial trouble, which in turn would mean for China an attitude of "non resistance." The second policy will enable her to develop and add to her resources, will strengthen her credit and help her to stand erect and firm in time of trouble.

INCREASE IN IMPORT DUTIES.

We understand that the Chinese Government has repeatedly called attention to Article 8 of the Macao Treaty and has asked that a meeting of the principal Powers concerned be convened for the purpose of seeing what steps can be taken to carry out the intention of the Treaty. Little or no progress has been made in the matter, mainly because Article 8 is only one of many articles in that Treaty which have been allowed to remain in abeyance, and while it may be necessary to consider this question before long it can only be claimed in fairness that Article 8 hinges on other Articles. We have pointed out that it may prove to be quite illusory to rely on a great increase in Import Duty producing a corresponding increase in revenue, if China or other levies, whether under a new name or not, are allowed to continue.

There is a point beyond which taxation tends to curtail consumption. If this happens under the proposed increase the volume of trade will be smaller, many means of employment will be taken away, life will become a harder struggle, and the Government will not recover the revenue it expects. If China is serious in abolishing the tariff without replacing it by some substitute, like a sales tax, or a tax on her exports, we do not see how to put obstacles in her way, as we know that what great efforts will be necessary to bring about the fundamental changes stipulated for in the Macao Treaty. All these changes a whole would be for her own advantage, but perhaps as they constitute a "perfection" of the existing conditions, they may be regarded as a desirable end in themselves, and we should all welcome evidence of a desire to make these changes.

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UNDERMANNING OF BRITISH SHIPS.

BOARD OF TRADE ACTION.

The Board of Trade has recently, by administrative action, taken an important step with the object of improving the manning of British vessels. It has often been a subject of complaint that many British steamers, particularly those of the collier class, engaged in the foreign trade habitually leave British ports with an insufficient number of deck hands to maintain efficient watches to and from the United Kingdom. These complaints, though often urged by seamen and their Trade Union representatives on very flimsy grounds, have nevertheless on occasion been amply supported by officially ascertained facts, and cases might be mentioned where an insufficient or an inefficient watch has contributed indirectly to disaster. It of course remains to be seen to what extent the action now taken by the Board of Trade will succeed in securing for all British vessels crews which shall be ample for all purposes, but thoroughly administered, the instructions which have been transmitted to the Superintendents of the Board of Trade (Mercantile Marine Department) are fully capable of achieving this result, for they strike at the root of the evil and are clear and unmistakable in their intention. The old manning clause read as follows:—

"Foreign-going steamers of over 200ft. in length or not less than 700 tons gross when proceeding to sea should have, in addition to the master and two efficient deck hands, a competent hand at the wheel, a look-out man, and an additional hand on deck available for any purpose."

The obvious purpose of the clause was to secure a minimum of three hands for each watch in addition to the officer on the bridge, but in actual usage this minimum provision became a standard practice, and the rule with respect to commanding officers of vessels of over 200ft. in length and 700 tons gross register was to employ six deck hands. There were exceptions to the rule, but no scale of employment existed regulating the number of deck hands in accordance with the size of the ship, and many instances might be given of vessels of over 5,000 tons and 6,000 tons gross register carrying the same number of deck hands as vessels of half the size and deadweight capacity. Then, again, the original clause imposed no obligation as to the qualification or fitness for watch duties of all the men employed, and not infrequently an apprentice or an ordinary seaman going out to sea for the first time has been engaged among those who were to "provide a minimum effective watch." Now, in the new Order this clause is reproduced, but with the very important difference that the word "efficient" has been inserted, so that the new reading of the most essential part of the clause provides for a sufficient number of efficient deckhands.

"A sufficient number to point out that in so far as the clause deals with the qualification or fitness of the persons engaged the insertion of the word 'efficient' gives it a force it has never possessed, but it is perhaps desirable to state that no person can be regarded as an A.B. who has not been three years at sea. The new Order does not give a statutory definition of 'efficient.' All responsibility for its interpretation to the Marine Superintendent is thrown on the Superintendent of the Board of Trade, but they may be relied upon to enforce the spirit if not always the letter of the Order. Yet this is not all that the Order does. Two new instructions are given, providing for a regulation of deck hands in accordance with the size and carrying capacity of the ship. They are as follows:—

(1) Foreign-going steamships of over 2,500 tons gross or of more than 3,200 ft. in length should have, in addition to the master and two mates, not less than eight efficient deck hands.

(2) Foreign-going steamships of over 5,500 tons gross or of more than 4,200 ft. in length should have, in addition to the master and two mates, not less than ten efficient deck hands.

So that the new minimum manning scale may thus be tabulated:—

Gross Tonnage. Length. Hands.

700 tons up to 2,500 tons, 20 ft. up to 320 ft. 6

2,500 tons up to 5,500 tons, 320 ft. up to 420 ft. 8

Over 5,500 tons, over 420 ft. 10

This scale, in addition to an officer on the bridge, a competent hand at the wheel, a look-out man, will secure for each watch one additional efficient hand on steamships up to 2,500 tons gross register, and three additional efficient hands on steamships of from 2,500 to 5,500 tons gross register, and three additional efficient hands on vessels of over 5,500 tons gross register. Of course ship-owners may employ even more additional numbers, but this scale establishes a minimum number of deck hands proportionate to the size and deadweight capacity of the steamship, and though it may not lead to any great increase in the number of persons actually engaged, it is certainly calculated to improve the standard of efficient manning, and to lead towards the greater safety of life and property at sea. The Cardiff Shipowners' Association has complained to the Board of Trade that it was not consulted before the changes were decided upon, but it should be stated that the action taken by the Board of Trade had previously been recommended by the Merchant Shipping Advisory Committee, on which the shipowners of the country are represented.

£2,000,000 MESSAGE TO MARS.

ASTRONOMERS HOPES TO ARRANGE A CODE.

Mr. W. H. Pickering, the assistant director of Harvard Observatory, reports that a gigantic effort to communicate with the inhabitants of the planet Mars is to be made.

The apparatus, which will cost £2,000,000, should be ready in July, when Mars will be five million miles nearer the earth than ever before.

Mr. Pickering says:—

"A series of mirrors covering a quarter of a square mile will be arranged to present a single reflecting surface toward Mars. The mirrors will be all attached to a single axis parallel to the earth's axis, and will be run by motors to make a complete revolution in twenty-four hours. The light thus reflected could not be distinguished by the naked eye from Mars, but the 90 mirrors by using telescopes could discern them as a small point of light on the earth's surface."

Supposing with such a signal opening the way for a series of flashes, or other signals, to be sent for an instant, and then following on the reflection, and repeating at irregular intervals, following the telegraph code of dots and dashes. I do not doubt that if there are intelligent people on Mars the light would immediately attract their attention, and would lead eventually to an answering signal.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

LOST

ON TUESDAY, the 11th May, Robinson Road near Gleneden a YOUNG WHITE FOX TERRIER BITCH, Dark brown Ears, 2 Black Spots, answering to the name of NELLIE. Reward \$25, if returned to REUTHER, BROCKELMANN & Co., Prince's Building, 2nd floor. Hongkong, 13th May, 1909. [730]

NOTICE

THE SALE OF OLD CHINESE CURIOS, advertised to take place on SATURDAY next, the 15th instant, by the undersigned at their Sales Rooms in Lee House Street is POSTPONED and a quantity of BLACKWOOD FURNITURE, one PORCELAIN INLAID BLACKWOOD SUREX, a few SILVER CRUETS, SILVER BOWLS, &c., one APOLLO PIANOFORTE with Selections and a few pieces of OLD CHINESE PORCELAIN will be sold by Public Auction in its place.

(Particulars from Catalogue). Terms:—As Usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 13th May, 1909. [731]

PUBLIC AUCTION

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, On TUESDAY, the 18th May, 1909, at 11 A.M., at The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns, Kowloon, ex S.S. "SCANDIA," 767 Bales PAPER, 203 Bales CELLULOSE, 40 Bales FIBRE, 25 Bales WOOLLEN YARN. (All more or less damaged by Sea Water). Terms:—As Usual. HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 13th May, 1909. [732]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer "OCEANA," FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being loaded and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns at Kowloon where consignments will be sorted out Mark by Mark and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This vessel brings on Cargo:— From London, &c., ex s.s. "Mooltan," From Australia ex s.s. "Mongolia," From Calcutta, ex s.s. "Scilla," From Persian Gulf, ex B. I. S. N. and B. & P. S. N. Co.'s Steamers.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary within 6 hours.

Goods not cleared by the 13th inst., at 4 P.M., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here after which date they cannot be recognised. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent. Hongkong, 12th May, 1909. [1]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

NOTICE

THE CHINESE ENGINEERING & MINING CO., LTD.

A NINTERIM DIVIDEND of One Shilling and Sixpence per Share free of tax on account of year ending 28th February, 1909, has been declared by the Directors of the above Company. Coupon No. 12 is Payable on 1st May, at the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA, and the HONGKONG BANK at Tientsin and Shanghai.

J. S. DOBIE, Agent. Hongkong, 1st May, 1909. [687]

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SHARE CERTIFICATE No. 2915, for Ten Shares numbered 1914/19150 inclusive, fully paid up, standing in the Register in the name of AUGUSTUS PIERRE MARTY, deceased, having been LOST, Notice is hereby given that unless the said Certificate be produced at the Office of the Company, Queen's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, before the 27th May, 1909, a new Certificate for the said shares will be issued and the old Certificate will thereafter be held by the Company as null and void.

By Order of the Board of Directors, GEO. A. CALDWELL, Acting Secretary. Hongkong, 28th April, 1909. [669]

TIME FLIES!

SO DOES YOUR OPPORTUNITY. We have now only a few left of THE CELEBRATED

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NUFORM AND ERECT FORM. Most Popular in the World and worn by the leading Society Ladies of Europe and America. ONLY TO BE HAD FROM

HOOBAIN & Co. Hongkong, 3rd May, 1909. [41]

INTIMATION

TENDERS FOR REVENUE FARMS.

TENDERS are invited for the Lease of Revenue Farms in the State of North Borneo from the 1st January, 1910, as set out hereunder.

1. In making arrangements for the leasing of the Farms for the next Farm period of 1910, 1911 and 1912, the Government reserves to itself the right of vesting the Farms (as provided in the Proclamations concerned as named in Schedule A appended) in any person, by public auction or by private sale as may be thought fit.

2. Any person either for himself alone or for himself and others, may, either in person or by agent duly accredited in writing, on any date prior to the said noon of the 1st October next, submit to the said Secretary at Sandakan, any tender he may think fit for all or any of the Farms, provided such tender is in conformity with the terms of tendering hereinafter set out and fulfils all the conditions required of the Farmer.

All tenders so made will (except at the express wish of the tenders to the contrary) be received and treated by the Government as strictly confidential.

On receiving any such tender, Government reserves to itself the right of deciding whether it shall be considered or not.

If Government decides not to consider the tender, it will be returned to the tenderer under sealed cover.

All tenders accepted for consideration by Government will be, in the first instance, retained by Government for further consideration with the tenders landed in on 1st October, 1909, which will be opened at noon on that date, after which the successful tenderer will be selected.

3. The Farms, above referred to, are:—

BRITISH NORTH BORNEO—OPIMUM, SPIRIT, GAMBLING and PRAWNBROKING, as follows:—

(a) In one concession for the whole State.

(b) In one concession for any of the following Districts of the State, the limits named including the interior territory watered by the rivers within the limits given respectively:—

(i) SANDAKAN District—the Territory bounded on the one side by the true right watershed of the Kinabatangan River and on the other by the true left watershed of the Paitan River.

(ii) WEST COAST DISTRICT—the Territory bounded on the one side by the true right watershed of the Paitan River and on the other by the true right watershed of the Pindasan River.

(iii) EAST COAST DISTRICT—the Territory bounded on the one side by the true right watershed of the Kinabatangan River and on the other by the Dutch Boundary on the South at Broershoek point.

(iv) PROVINCE CLARKE—being the Territory between Bata-Datu and the Lawas Northern watershed.

4. The attention of those desirous of tendering is drawn to the following terms:—

(a) The tenderer must state in his tender the annual sum offered for the Farm rent, for the three years 1910, 1911 and 1912; a differential sum may be offered for the first, second and third years respectively. The tenderer must also clearly state the proportion of the amount of the Rent to be allotted to each separate Farm.

(b) The Government does not bind itself to accept the highest of any tender, and reserves to itself the right of making any arrangements it may deem advisable as regards the letting of the Farms.

(c) Each tenderer should specify in full, in English, and in the vernacular language of the tenderer, the names, residences and occupations of the persons tendering, and similar information regarding any security or any partner that the tenderer wishes to propose.

(d) The successful tenderer will be called upon to enter a contract under the provisions of the Proclamations named in Schedule A appended.

(e) Copies of the Forms of Contracts for the Farms may be seen on application at the Office of the said SECRETARY at Sandakan, or of Messrs. GUTHRIE & Co., Singapore, or of Messrs. GUTHRIE, LIVINGSTON & Co., at Hongkong.

The successful tenderer will be required to deposit with the Finance Commissioner, Sandakan, Security to the value of three months' Farm rent by means of a deposit of money to the amount of one month's Farm rent, and of title deeds to the amount of two months' Farm rent.

(f) The total rates for Chundu fixed by Government for the Opium Farm for 1910, 1911 and 1912 are those specified below:—

Per tahil:—
Opium \$ 2.40
" chi 0.20
" 5 shan packet 0.15
" 4 " " 0.12
" 3 " " 0.09
" 2 " " 0.06

(g) The Opium Farmer is responsible for seeing that Chundu is not sold by retail at the Opium Farm or at the Opium shops at prices higher than those fixed by Government and named above (g).

The Opium and Spirit Farmers may fix their own prices for supplying the Opium and Spirit Farm Shops wholesale with Chundu and Spirits.

(h) During the continuance of the Farm period, the Opium and Spirit Farmers will be entitled to the use of a Trade-mark (to be approved by Government) to be affixed to any Opium or Chundu prepared by them, and to any vessel containing Spirits for sale.

(i) As soon as the new Farmers have been appointed by the Government, they will be required to submit in writing to the Secretary to the Governor a Schedule showing full particulars of the Title Deeds they propose to deposit with the Government as security for the said two months' Farm rent. If these are considered satisfactory, the new Farmers will be required to execute a mortgage of the property to the Government as provided for by law.

(j) The Farmer for the West Coast may be required to rent certain Farm buildings at Jesselton.

The following Proclamations govern the conduct of the Farms in B. N. Borneo viz:—

SCHEDULE A.

The Opium Proclamation No. 16 of 1901 as amended by No. 7 of 1904.

The Liquors Proclamation No. 17 of 1901.

The Pawnbrokers Proclamation No. 14 of 1902, as amended by No. 1 of 1903, and No. 3 of 1906.

The Gambling Proclamation No. 8 of 1891.

The Gambling Proclamation No. 8 of 1891. Hongkong, 3rd May, 1909. [696]

AUCTIONS

SALE POSTPONED.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to Sell by Public Auction, FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED, at their Sales Rooms, No. 8, Des Voeux Road, corner of Lee House Street, A VERY RARE AND SUPERB COLLECTION OF OLD CHINESE CURIOS.

Comprising:—

IMPERIAL YELLOW DRAGON VASES, JARS, Chat Sing, Nuan Stone HORSES ON CARVED WOOD STANDS

and GLASS COVER, One Mi Yan, Lao BIG PEACH BLUE BOWL with STAND

500 years old, 1 Ming Dynasty CREAM JAR 500 years old, 1 Pair Ming Dynasty MAN-DAIN JADESTONE WINE CUPS

500 years old, Ka Hing BLUE VASE IN-LAID with GOLD FLOWERS 150 years old, 1 Pair Imperial Kiung Liang YELLOW BOWLS 300 years old, 1 Kiung Liang BOWLS with STAND, very rare and old Hong H. Kiung Liang VASES, JARS and BOWLS from 300 to 500 years old. One very old Kiung Liang JAR with PICTURE ENGRAVINGS, with STAND 350 years old, CARVED IVORY and BLACKWOOD ELEPHANTS, 3 SINGING BIRDS with INLAID GOLD CAGE and GLASS COVER, a quantity of CARVED BLACKWOOD WARE SILVER CUPS, BOWLS, CRUST STANDS, MENU and FLOWER STANDS, DISHES, KNIVES, FORKS, &c., &c., &c.

Also

A quantity of Scientific Books and Magazines, AND

One APOLLO PIANO PLAYER with 24 Selections.

Catalogues will be issued. Terms:—As Usual.

77 N.B.—Such a valuable collection has never been offered to the Public before.

HUGHES & HOUGH, Auctioneers. Hongkong, 11th May, 1909. [725]

PUBLIC AUCTION

MR. GEO. P. LAMBERT has received instructions from the Official Liquidator, H. PERCY SMITH, Esq., Chartered Accountant, to Sell by Public Auction, On WEDNESDAY, the 26th May, 1909, commencing at 11 A.M., on the premises,

"THE IMPERIAL BREWERY," Situated in Wong Nei-Chong Valley, AS A GOING CONCERN,

In One Lot.

If the Property is not sold in one lot, the PLANT, MACHINERY, GEAR, STOCK, &c., &c., will be sold in separate lots to suit purchasers.

For full particulars apply to Messrs. BRITTON & HETT, Solicitors,

Messrs. HASTINGS & HASTINGS, Solicitors,

Mr. H. PERCY SMITH, Chartered Accountant, or

Mr. GEO. P. LAMBERT, Auctioneer. Hongkong, 12th May, 1909. [728]

SUTTON'S SEEDS.

Special Selections for South China. CHINA EXPRESS CO. 3, Duddell Street, Hongkong. Shipping and Insurance Agents. Hongkong, 22nd January, 1909. [50]

BOARD AND RESIDENCE.

WANTED: A Good Bed-Sitting ROOM (higher beds preferable). Board Optional, but verandah with view of harbour essential. Apply giving full particulars to:—

Care of "Daily Press" Office. Hongkong, 24th April, 1909. [658]

TO LET

"FAIR VIEW" No. 1, Robinson Road, containing SIX ROOMS and Several Small Rooms and Large Outbuildings. ROOMS suitable for Offices in No. 10, Lee House Street, in rear of David Sassoon & Co.'s premises.

Apply to:— DAVID SASSOON & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 1st May, 1909. [553]

TO LET

NO. 6, OBSERVATORY VILLAS, Kowloon. Five Rooms House, Electric Lights and Tennis Court. "BRANNE BUNGALOW," Kowloon. A Small Garden attached. Moderate Rental. Apply to:— ARBATON V. APCAR & Co., 14, Des Voeux Road. Hongkong, 3rd March, 1909. [399]

TO LET

NO. 3, MORRISON HILL Entry about 100 paces.

Apply to:— MESSRS. JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd. Hongkong, 12th May, 1909. [727]

TO LET

NO. 24, WYNDHAM STREET, containing 4 ROOMS.

Apply to:— E. A. & C. F. CARVALHO, 14, Arbutnot Road. Hongkong, 5th May, 1909. [707]

TO BE LET

DESIRABLE GROUND FLOOR SHOP in CHATER ROAD, Hongkong.

Apply to:— T. B. L., Care of "Daily Press" Office. Hongkong, 11th May, 1909. [723]

TO LET

LARGE OFFICE ROOM, on 2ND FLOOR of Prince's Building. Moderate Rent.

Apply to:— Care of "Daily Press" Office. Hongkong, 5th May, 1909. [706]

TO LET

NO. 2, OLD BAILEY. Immediate Possession. Apply to:— ARBATON V. APCAR & Co., 14, Des Voeux Road. Hongkong, 8th May, 1909. [717]

TO LET

NO. 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL (Shop). Opposite the Post Office.

NO. 1A, WYNDHAM STREET (suitable for Office and Godown).

NO. 2A, D'AGUILAR STREET (suitable for Office and Godown).

All of which are at present occupied by Welsmann Ltd. For Particulars, etc. Apply to:— YEE SANG FAT & Co., 34, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 19th March, 1909. [489]

TO LET

GODOWN, No. 5A, DUDDELL STREET.

Apply to:— THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY CO., LD. Hongkong, 1st May, 1909. [98]

TO LET

NOS. 2 & 3, BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, facing the Parade Ground.

NO. 5, MOUNTAIN VIEW, Peak. NEW FIVE ROOMED HOUSES in Shiley Street.

THE EYELE, No. 13, Peak. Unfurnished from 1st June, 1909.

TERNSIDE No. 71, Peak Unfurnished from 1st May, 1909.

C.M.S. PEAK BUNGALOW, furnished, Mount-Kellett, from 1st April to end of June, 1909.

BEACONSFIELD ARCADE, Fine Shops, Offices and Dwelling Rooms.

DWELLING ROOMS and OFFICES in Queen's Road Central.

GODOWNS in Duddell Street, BELLIOS TERRACE HOUSES, ROBINSON ROAD.

FOR SALE—TOR CRIST, at Peak, commanding a Magnificent View of the Harbour and Adjacent Islands.

Apply to:— LINSTED & DAVIS, 3rd Floor, Alexandra Buildings. Hongkong, 22nd April, 1909. [100]

TO LET

UNFURNISHED—Nos. 8 and 10, WYNDHAM STREET, containing 6 Large Rooms each. Can be let together or separately.

Apply to:— Messrs. PERCY SMITH & SETH, No. 5, Queen's Road Central. Hongkong, 23rd February, 1909. [213]

TO LET

FOUR AND FIVE ROOMED HOUSES at Kowloon.

NEW AND COMMODIOUS SHOPS, Nathan Road, Kowloon. Immediate Possession. Cheap Rentals.

OFFICES on the 1st Floor Hotel Manikios lately occupied by the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.

Apply to:— HUMPHREYS-ESTATE & FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED. Hongkong, 24th March, 1909. [547]

TO LET

SHOP and DWELLING HOUSE, No. 78, Queen's Road Central.

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TAKEO TAKAMICHI, Manager. Hongkong, 12th September, 190

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

ANHEU, British str., 1,350, J. Meathrel, 12th May—Shanghai 9th May, General—Butterfield & Swire.

DAIJIN MARU, Japanese str., 980, F. Kaburaki, 12th May—Tientsin, Amoy & Swatow 11th May, General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.

GEMTHAY, Russian cruiser, 3,120, Viazemsky, 12th May—Shanghai 9th May, General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

HAIKUN, British str., 1,183, J. S. Roach, 12th May—Swatow 11th May, General—Douglas, Lapraik & Co.

HONG SHUN, Chinese str., 908, Markussen, 12th May—Chinkiang 7th May—Wallen & Co.

KIANG PING, Chinese str., 1,222, Udden, 12th May—Chinkiang 7th May, General—Chinese.

KENNEBEC, British str., 3,301, C. R. Beynon, 12th May—Swatow 11th May, Ballant—Order.

LAURENCE, British str., 1,340, Frempton, 12th May—Saigon 8th May, Rice, Meal and General—Chinese.

LOONGSANG, British str., 1,029, Kennedy, 12th May—Manila 10th May, General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

OCEANA, British str., 3,507, T. H. Hida, R.M.S., 12th May—Bombay 27th April, Mail and General—P. & O. S. N. Co.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE, 12th May.

Anhe, British str., for Canton.

Daijin, Norwegian str., for Shanghai.

Kiang Ping, Chinese str., for Canton.

Saiga, Norwegian str., for Kobe.

Saiga, German str., for Amoy.

DEPARTURES.

12th May.

BINH THUAN, French str., for Saigon.

C. DIEDERICHSEN, German str., for Haiphong.

FAUSANG, British str., for Saigon.

HALUN, British str., for Swatow.

HAKATA MARU, Japanese str., for Singapore.

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OEANA, British str., for Shanghai.

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SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British str. *Laertes* reports: Light Easterly winds, fine weather and smooth sea.

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May 12th.

AMERICAN DOCK.—Prometheus, ... Tak.

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Hongkong, 12th May, 1909. [698]



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SECTIONS.

1 From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2 From Harbour Master's to Ship's Pier. 3 From Ship's Pier to Naval Yard. 4 From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG.	BERTH	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON &c. via USUAL PORTS OF CALL.	DREFA	Brit. str.	1	B. W. H. Snow	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 15th inst., at Noon.
LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	PERA	Brit. str.	1	W. W. Cooke, R.M.S.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 19th inst.
LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	GLENLOGAN	Brit. str.	1	McGregor	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 25th inst.
ANTWERP, ROTTERDAM & HAMBURG, &c.	HELIOGRAFA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Hildebrandt	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	About end of May.
ANTWERP, BREMEN & HAMBURG, &c.	SILBIA	Ger. str.	k.w.	v. Hoff	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 20th inst.
HAYRE & HAMBURG via STRAITS, &c.	SENKAMBA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Eckhorn	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 17th June.
MARSEILLES, HAYRE & COPENHAGEN, &c.	CANTON	Swed. str.	1		McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	Middle of June.
MARSEILLES, &c. via PORTS OF CALL.	OCEANIAN	Fr. str.	1	S. J. G. Parsons	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 25th inst., at 1 P.M.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	YUO MARU	Jap. str.	k.w.	Seller	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 26th inst., at D'light
MARSEILLES, HAYRE & HAMBURG, &c.	SUBIA	Jap. str.	1	N. Nielsen	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 8th June.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, &c.	WARASA MARU	Jap. str.	1	F. F. Cope	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 8th June, at D'light
GENOA, MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP, &c.	KITANO MARU	Jap. str.	1	G. Meiner	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	About 2nd June.
CALLAO, IQUIQUE, &c. via JAPAN PORTS, &c.	KOSKONG MARU	Jap. str.	1	Bergulian	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 19th inst., at Noon.
NAPLES, GENOA, ANCONA, GIBRALTAR, &c.	DEFFLINGER	Ger. str.	1	T. Harrison	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	About 25th inst.
TRIESTE, &c. via SINGAPORE, &c.	CHINA	Brit. str.	2		McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 22nd inst., at 6 P.M.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	EMPEROR OF INDIA	Brit. str.	1		McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 8th June, at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	TOGA MARU	Jap. str.	1		McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 14th July, at Noon.
VANCOUVER via SHANGHAI JAPAN, &c.	MONTMAGN	Brit. str.	1	M. Higgins	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 25th inst., at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, &c.	KAGA MARU	Jap. str.	1	W. Shotton	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 3rd June.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	STYRIA	Jap. str.	1	T. Schia	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	1	L. Dawson	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 21st inst., at 10 A.M.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	TAITANI	Brit. str.	1	G. Gathmann	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 28th inst., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	ALDENHAM	Brit. str.	1	St. John George	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 11th June, at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	NIKKO MARU	Jap. str.	1	M. Yagi	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	About 25th inst.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA	PRINZ WALDEMAR	Ger. str.	1	F. Leke	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	To-morrow, P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	BINGO MARU	Jap. str.	1	Christiansen	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 18th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	AMARA	Jap. str.	1	F. L. Sommer	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 21st inst., P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	KAMO MARU	Jap. str.	1	N. Matheson	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 8th June, at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	KUNANO MARU	Jap. str.	1	Jurisdane	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	Quick despatch.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YAWATA MARU	Jap. str.	1	Dowson	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 17th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	CHINSHING	Brit. str.	1	F. Mooney	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 18th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	KUWANG	Brit. str.	1	G. Hooker	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 16th inst., at D'light
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SHANTUNG	Brit. str.	1	J. Robinson	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	To-morrow, at 10 A.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	CHOSUEN MARU	Jap. str.	1	T. Suruga	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	To-day.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SENKAMBA	Ger. str.	k.w.	Eckhorn	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	Middle of May.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	NIKKO	Ger. str.	k.w.	H. G. Walker	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 15th inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	WINGANG	Brit. str.	1	Fraser	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	To-day, at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YINGCHOW	Brit. str.	1		McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 16th inst., at D'light
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	ANHEU	Brit. str.	1		McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 17th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	KUBANG	Ger. str.	k.w.	Bradley	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 18th inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SUBIA	Jap. str.	1	C. Dewers	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	About 18th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	KUNANO	Jap. str.	1	H. W. Keurick, R.M.S.	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 20th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	LUTOW	Ger. str.	1		McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 23rd inst., at D'light
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	NAMUR	Brit. str.	1		McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 24th inst., P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	CHINSHING	Brit. str.	1		McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 27th inst.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	CHENAN	Brit. str.	1	X. Meeker	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 16th inst., at 10 A.M.
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YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YIMAH	Jap. str.	1	H. Higgins	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	HAITAN	Brit. str.	1	S. J. Payne	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 18th inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	HAITAN	Brit. str.	1	R. W. Almond	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 18th inst., at 3 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	LOONGSANG	Brit. str.	1	A. W. Outbridge	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 21st inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	RUH	Brit. str.	1	P. H. Balle	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 22nd inst., at Noon.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	YUENSHANG	Brit. str.	1	E. Rodger	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 16th inst., at D'light
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	ZAPRO	Brit. str.	1	G. H. Fennell	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 15th inst., at 4 P.M.
YOKOHAMA & KOBE	SINGAN	Brit. str.	1	F. Sembl	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	Beginning of June.
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YOKOHAMA & KOBE	BOMBO	Brit. str.	1	M. B. Lake	McGREGOR BROS. & GOW	On 18th inst., at 3 P.M.
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LONDON and ANTWERP VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	May	Advertisement.
SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, NAMUR (MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA)	About 19th	Freight only.
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Hongkong, 11th May, 1909.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"YINGCHOW"	On 13th May, 4 P.M.
MANILA	"SUNGKIANG"	On 15th May, 4 P.M.
THURSDAY ISLAND, COOK TOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY, with Transhipment for TASMANIA, NEW ZEALAND, ADELAIDE, FREMANTLE and PERTH	"ANHUI"	On 16th May, 4 P.M.
CEBU and LOILO	"SHANTUNG"	On 16th May, 4 P.M.
HOIHOW and HAIPHONG	"PEAN"	On 18th May, 3 P.M.
CHINKIANG	"KUEICHOW"	On 18th May, 4 P.M.
MANILA and TIENTSIN	"CHINHUA"	On 20th May, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"KWEIYANG"	On 21st May, 4 P.M.
NEWCHWANG	"CHENAN"	On 23rd May, 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"TAMING"	On 25th May, 3 P.M.

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SHANGHAI	"WINGSANG"	Saturday, 15th May, Noon
TIENTSIN VIA CHEFOO	"CHIPSING"	Monday, 17th May, 4 P.M.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Tuesday, 18th May, 3 P.M.
KOBE	"AMARA"	Tuesday, 18th May, 4 P.M.
SEHAI, YOKOHAMA, KOBE & MOJI	"KUTHANG"	Wednesday, 19th May, Noon
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"LAISANG"	Friday, 21st May, Noon
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DESTINATION	STEAMERS	DATE OF SAILING.
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KOBE and YOKOHAMA	STOSA MARU Capt. T. Harrison	6000	TUES. 25th May, at Noon
NAGASAKI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	YAWATA MARU Capt. T. Sakino	5000	FRID. 14th May, at Noon
HOMBAI via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	NIKKO MARU Capt. M. Yagi	6000	FRID. 14th May, at Noon
SHANGHAI, MOJI and KOBE	BINGO MARU Capt. N. Christiansen	6265	FRID. 14th May, P.M.
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KAMO MARU Capt. F. L. Sommer	9000	FRID. 21st May, P.M.
HOMBAI via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	BOMBAY MARU Capt. W. A. Evans	5000	MON. 24th May, at Noon
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Ar. — Mukden	8.50 p.m.	" "	" "
Lv. — " "	9.15 p.m.	" "	" "
Ar. — Changchun	5 a.m.	Monday	Wednesday
Lv. — " "	6.55 a.m.	" "	" "
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General—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.	SEIKI, Norwegian str., 2,789, Lee, 9th May—Manila 5th May, Ballast—Osaka Shosen Kaisha.
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